

The Lord Villoughby of Parham, his Letter
to an Honourable Member of the House of Par-
liament.

His Majesties Letter to the Lord Willoughby of
Parham.

The Lord Willoughby of Parham his Letter, in
answer to his Majesties.

With

The Message of the Lords to the House of Com-
mons, upon the said Lettres.

As also

The Lord of Warwicks Letter, to his Brother the
Earle of Holland.

And

The Declaration or resolution of the Officers in
the County of Essex, to the Earle of Warwicke,
Lord Lieutenant of that County.

With the approbation of both Houses con-
cerning the same.

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John Wright, 1642.

My Lord,

I Received a Letter from your Lordship, in which the House is pleased to doe me a very great Honour, farre above any desert of mine, and little expected by me: for my Lord, I well know my obedience tyes me to fulfill their Commands, and in that I have done, I have done but my duty, and that which every honest man ought to doe, and oweth of right to the Parliament; and whosoever hath that principle in him it will dictate to him as much, and keepe him from other by-ways: And for my owne part, my heart ever was, and shall ever be, both forward and ready to obey their Lordships Commands in all things, both with integrity and industry, and Gods curse light upon him and his, that carries any other heart about him. My Lord, it is too meane a way for to expresse my acknowledgement in paper to the House, for this high favour which I have received by your Lordships Letter. I hope to make it appeare by my actions, that their Lordships see I am not an ungratefull servant. It is a great encouragement to these parts, their Lordships Resolutions, in giving their Commands to have the rest of the Militia put in present execution, and truly, my Lord, it was out of that regard that I did intimate it to my Lord of Essex, as holding it a thing much conducing to the publike good, and the onely remedy to cure these distractions which the Kingdome is in, not out of any regard to my self; for I know, if I suffer in executing their Lordships commands, it must be against their wills, and when that day comes, I will not give a straw for all I have, were I but a looker on. My Lord, as I was this day at *Lincolne*, where I appointed to begin to Muster, there came a Messenger from His Majesty, with this Letter, which I hold it my duty to acquaint the House with, and likewise my answer, and am for *Lincolne*, where, as in all other places, I shall be ready to serve your Lordship.

As your most humble servant,

FR. WILLUGHBY.

MY Lord, ere my Letter was sealed up, I could not but give you Lordship an account, in how good a Posture I found the Trained Band of *Lincolne*, which was farre beyond my expectation, considering the unhappinesse in the sickness, being dispersed in the Towne, which hindred the appearance of some; But truly my Lord, that was fully supplied by a Company of Volunteers, equall in number and goodnesse of Armes to the Trained Bands.

Lincolne, 6, June 1642.

Charles



Right trusty and welbeloved, We greet you well.
 Whereas Wee understand, That you have begun to assemble, Traine, and Muster the Trained-Bands of our County of *Lincolne*, under pretence of an Ordinance of Parliament, whereto We have not given our Consent; Which is not onely contrary to Law, but to Our Command and pleasure, signified by our Proclamation sent to the high Sheriffe of that Our County: Wherefore, That you may not hereafter plead ignorance of such Our Prohibition; Wee doe, by these Our Letters, Command, and charge you, upon your Allegiance, to desist and forbear to Raife, Muster, Traine, Exercise, or Assemble together any part of the Trained Bands of that our County, either by your selfe, or by any others imployed under you, or by Warrant from you. And because you may, for what you have already done, concerning the *Militia* of that Our County, plead, that you had not to particular a Command, Wee shall passe by what you have already done therein, So as presently upon your receipt hereof, you shall desist and give over meddling any further with any thing belonging to the *Militia* of that Our County; But if you shall not presently desist and forbear meddling therewith, We are resolved to call you to a strict account for your Disobedience therein, after so many particular and legall Commands given you upon your Allegiance to the contrary, and shall esteeme and proceed against you as a disturber of the peace of Our Kin dome.

Given at Our Court of *Yorke*, the fourth of June 1642.

To Our right trusty and welbeloved the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*.

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SIR,

SIR,

AS there can be nothing of greater unhappinesse to me, then to receive a Command from your Majestie, whereunto my endeavours cannot give so ready an obedience, as my affections: so I must confesse the difficulty at this time not a little, how to expresse that duty which I owe to your Majesties late Commands, and not falsifie that trust reposed in me by your high Court of Parliament; through whose particular directions I am now come into this County to settle the Militia, according to the Ordinance of Parliament, which by the Votes of my Lord *Littleton* and others in the House of Peeres, better versed in the Lawes then my selfe, passed as a Legall thing, and hath since beene confirmed (if I mistake not) by his example, and your majesties Chiefe Justice, Sir *John Banks*, both in accepting their Ordinance, and nominating their Deputy-Lieutenants: how much farther they proceeded, I know not.

But Sir, if the opinions of those great Lawyers drew me into an act unsuitable to your Majesties liking: I hope the want of yeares will excuse my want of judgement. And since the Command of the Parliament I am now so farre engaged in their service as the sending out Warrants to summon the County to meet me this day at *Lincolne*, and afterwards in other places: I doe most humbly beseech your Majestie not to impute that Command on me, which must needs render me false to those that relye on me, and so make me more unhappier then any other misery that can fall upon me.

These things, Sir, I once more humbly beseech your Majestie may be taken into your gracious consideration, and that you would never be pleased to harbour any misconceit of me, or of this action since nothing hath yet passed by my Commands here, or ever shall but what shall tend to the honour and safety of your Majesties Person, to the preservation of the peace of your Kingdome, and to the content (I hope) of all your Majesties Subjects in these parts amongst which I remaine,

YOUR MAJESTIES

My humble and most dutifull

Subject and Servant,

F. WILLOUGHBY



The Message of the Lords to the Commons,
upon the Lord *Willoughby of Parham* his Letter, and
service in the execution of the Ordinance; con-
cerning the MILITIA.

THe Lords have thought fit to let you know, how much they valed and approve the endeavours of this Lord, in a service so much importing the safety of this Kingdome; and they doubt not of your readinesse to concurre with them, upon all occasions to manifest the fence they have, & shall retain of his deservings, which appeares the greater by how much the difficulties (by those circumstances you have heard read) have beene greater. And as my Lords resolve to make his interest their owne, in this service, for the publike good, and safety of this Kingdome, so they desire you to joyne with them, in so good and necessary a worke.

Resolved by the House of Commons to joyne with the Lords in this Vote, and doe make the like resolution for the deputy Lieutenants for the County of *Lincolne*, and desire the Lords concurrence therein.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, that they agree with the House of Commons, for the resolution concerning the Deputy Lieutenants of the County of *Lincolne*.

To my Noble Brother the Earle of *Holland*.

Brother,

IN obedience to the order of both Houses of Parliament, I this day repaired to *Burntwood* (where about one fourth part of the Trained Bands of *Essex* were appoynted to meet) for putting of the ordinance for the Militia of this County in execution. I saw five Companies drawne out, being of the ordinary trained Bands (and all that were designed to this place) whose numbers I found full, and their Armes compleat. For though about threescore Armes had beene formerly taken out of each company for the late service about *Scotland*, yet a full supply was made by Volunteers, and one of the said five Companies (being under the conduct of Sir *William Massons* son) was double to the usuall list. A sixth Company was drawne out, which consisted of neere five hundred able men, who came as Volunteers, under the command of Sir *Thomas Baringtons* younger son. I caused the Declaration of both Houses made for their indemnity,

ty, to be read at the head of each company. And required the Captaines, Officers, and Souldiers to be obedient to such directions as should be conveyed to them from me, or my Deputy Lieutenants, according to the said Ordinance, for the service of his Majesty and the Parliament, in defence of the Kingdome. To which they did unanimously manifest a resolution and respect, & a cheerefull readinesse, therein to spend their lives and fortunes. Hereof I thought fit to give your Lordship this briefe account, praying you to communicate the same to their Lordships, I having desired my deputy Lieutenants to doe the same to the House of Commons. I have this day received a Petition from the Captaines and Lieutenants of the severall Companies here assembled, in the name of all the persons belonging to the said Trained bands, and with their full consent expressed upon the reading of it, by their generall acclamations, and applause, in their severall Companies, whereof I send your Lordship a Copie here inclosed, and so desiring from God a blessing upon all your counsellors rest,

Burnt wood the 7. of June, 1642.

Your Lordships affectionate Brother,
Warwick.

To the Right Honourable, *Robert Earle of Warwicke*, Lord
Lieutenant of the County of *Essex*, and to the Right Worship-
full and worthy Gentlemen, the Deputy Lieutenants of the same
County, confided in by the most Honourable, the High
Court of Parliament.

WE the Captaines and Lieutenants with the full consent of the Trained Bands and Volunteers of the said County now assembled, having before the accessse of this present Parliament, seen our Religion, our Lawes, our liberties and estates, brought to the brinke of ruine and subversion, by the results of most desperate and wicked Councils, could not but with exceeding joy behold the assembling and continuance of so great and faithfull a Councell (the representative body of this Kingdome) and with most cerraine confidence commit thereto all that was decreed unto us.

And having also seene the late hellish designs and actings of a Malignant party of this Kingdome, and the bloody Rebellion in *Ireland*, all working to retard the progresse, or subvert the being of this worthy Parliament, and therein to bereave us of all our hopes of Reformation, or future peace or happinesse to this Church or Kingdome, we cannot but ascribe all glory and praise unto the Lords of Lord, and expresse most hearty thankfulness unto his blessed Instruments that great Assembly, for their undanted Resolutions, unparallelled endeavours

vours; and happy proceedings for the common good. And herein (as not the least meanes of our safety) for the most necessary and seasonable Ordinance of theirs, touching the ordering of the Militia, whereby we are put under the command and guidance of so Noble a Lord, and such worthy Gentlemen, whereunto we humbly desire this present day and meeting may be an evidence and pledge of our free and willing obedience.

And having entrusted our Religion, our Lawes, and all into the hands of that great and most faithfull Counsell the Parliament, whose care and Fidelity wee have so abundantly found, we even bleed to see the heart and actions of our Royall King (contrary to his own Royall expressions) declining from the Counsell of His Parliament, and carried after other Counsels, whom, as the Lawes and Constitutions of this Land have not knowne, nor reposed upon; so we (for our owne parts) neither will nor dare intrust with our Religion or Lawes: And whom we verily beleewe, could they prevaile against that Highest Court (under God our chiefest Bulwarke and defence) would soone deprive us both of Religion and Law, and (notwithstanding all their specious pretences) reduce us to a condition no lesse miserable then slavish.

From the deepe apprehensions of all which we doe freely and heartily promise and tender our persons and estates to assist and defend (to the uttermost) the High Court of Parliament now assembled, the Members, power, and priviledges thereof, and therein His Majesties person and authority, and the Kingdomes peace, (according to our late Protestation) against all contrary Counsells, power, and force of Armes whatsoever, which shall be reard up, or attempted against them.

And this our humble acknowledgment & resolution (which we doubt not will be accorded unto by all good subjects) we humbly desire your Honour and Worships to render on our behalfe unto that most Honourable Assembly of Parliament. For whose happy progresse and successe we shall daily pray.

Trained Bands.

	<i>Kiely.</i>		<i>Thomas Harper.</i>
	<i>Henry Farr.</i>		<i>Jo. Woodcocke.</i>
Captaine.	<i>John Ballet.</i>	Lieutenant.	<i>Rich. Lawrence.</i>
	<i>John Fleming.</i>		<i>Geo. Colwell.</i>
	<i>W. Marshall.</i>		<i>Theo. Clarke.</i>
Volunteers.	<i>Robert Barington,</i>	Captaine.	<i>William Burt,</i>
		Lieutenant.	

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament Asssembled, being advertised by the Lord Lieutenant, and Deputy Lieutenants, of the County of Essex, of the ready, full, and forward meeting of the Trayned Bands of that County; and of a cheerefull acceffe, of a very considerable number of Volunteers, at their first.

first appearing; Have thought fit to expresse unto them, the good sence they hold of their proceedings, so much conducing to the generall safety of this Kindome; And having likewise received from them a Declaration full of affections, and good inclinations to maintaine our Religion, Lawes, Liberties, and Priviledges of Parliament; Which they observe to be invaded by pernicious Councils, as indeed they have beene of late, in a more dangerous, and high manner then any age can parallell; and having very prudently observed, in a right understanding, That the Kingdome, and the Kings authority and Person, can be no wayes maintained, but by the upholding the power and priviledges of Parliament, as by the late Protestation they acknowledge themselves bound unto, against all contrary Councils, Power, and force of Armies whatsoever. This iust and faithfull resolution of theirs, to the publike good, The Lords and Commons doe not onely approve, but commend, assuring them, that as their endeavours have beene for the peace and happinesse of the King and Kingdome; So they will persist, in discharge of the great and publike trust, which lies upon them; to goe through all difficulties which may appose the publike peace and welfare of this Kingdome; And will upon all occasions, be ready to expresse particularly, to those persons, that respect which is due to persons from whom they have received such assurance of their affections and fidelities.

Die Jovis, 9. Junii, 1642.

Ordere*d by the Lords in Parliament, That these severall Letters, and Resolutions, shall be forthwith Printed and Published.*

Joh. Brown, Ckr. Parliament.

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Five speciall Passages :

viz. TWO

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PETITIONS OF THE COUNTIE OF YORKE.

The one Presented to the Kings most Excellent Majesty at York the third of June, 1642.

The other, to the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled.

With the Additionals thereunto annexed.

Die Lunæ Jun. 6. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, that these Petitions, together with the additions, be forthwith Printed and Published.

John Brown, Cler. Parliamentor.

The Petition of the Kingdom of SCOTLAND, to the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privie Councell of that Kingdome.

ALSO

His Majesties Letter to the Lords of his Privie Councell of the Kingdome of SCOTLAND.

AND

A Letter from Sir Io. Bouchier to Sir Thomas Barrington Knight and BARONET.

LONDON,

Printed for Edward Blackmore, June 8. 1642.